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C O N F I D E N T I A L ABU DHABI 1472

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TLSUBJECT 7 VISIT OF SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM

REF: ABU DHABI 1423

1. FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM SPENT MAY 16 IN ABU DHABI BRIEFING
UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID AND OTHER UAE LEADERS ON THE RECENT
TALKS BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENT ASAD AT GENEVA.
MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SAIF GHUBBASH, TOLD ME
EVENING MAY 16 AT FUNCTION FOR VISITING SUDANESE VICE
PRESIDENT BAKR, THAT KHADDAM'S BASIC MESSAGE WAS THAT
PRESIDENT ASAD WAS PLEASED TO HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF
PRESIDENT CARTER AT LENGTH ON HISTORY OF ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE.
ASAD FOUND THE PRESIDENT INTERESTED AND APPRECIATIVE OF THE
MORAL AND HUMAN ASPECTS OF PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AND ASAD
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WAS PLEASED THAT HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO STATE ARAB CASE. ASAD
ALSO LIKED THE PRESIDENT AS AN INDIVIDUAL.

2. ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN WHAT HE HAD
HEARD FROM ME TWO DAYS BEFORE AND WHAT KHADDAM HAD SAID,
GHUBBASH SAID THERE WAS VERY LITTLE. HE THOUGHT KHADDAM HAD
PUT MORE EMPHASIS ON SYRIAN POSITION REGARDING NEED TO MEET

PALESTINIANS SENSE OF REMOVING PAST INJUSTICE BY GIVING REFUGEES
RIGHT TO COMPENSATION OR REPATRIATION IF THEY DO NOT CHOOSE TO BE-
COME CITIZENS OF A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND. KHADDAM HAD ALSO
DESCRIBED IN GREATER DETAIL SYRIA'S POSITION ON WHAT IT WOULD
ACCEPT FOR DEMILITARIZATION ZONE IN GOLAN.

3. MAY 17 PRESS QUOTES KHADDAM AS STATING ON HIS DEPARTURE THAT
DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO SOLVE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS SHOULD BE COUPLED
WITH ARAB MILITARY PREPARATIONS. "THE ARABS HAVE OTHER ALTER-
NATIVES TO ADOPT IF DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS FAIL." KHADDAM ALSO QUOTED
AS SAYING THAT HE HOPED THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE WOULD BE
RECONVENED SHORTLY AND THAT SYRIA WOULD PREFER A UNIFIED
ARAB DELEGATION AT THE MEETING PROVIDED ALL ARAB PARTIES
RECEIVE SEPARATE INVITATIONS.
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